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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose my local provider for both internet access and telephone usage, both of which are offered with greater services for citizens and often if not usually at lower costs, just the opposite of the large corporations such as AT&T and Comcast, etc.

I speak from experience as an 84 year old user of both internet and telephone services. Please do NOT take away my ability to be served by companies which have MY best interest at heart, not just the bottom line, as do large corporate internet and telephone services that offer less for the money they charge and with little to no regard and concern for providing services such as high quality and courteous tech support when and as needed and ALWAYS without charge and a true business philosophy that "the customer is always right".

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